

# **BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Package**

**September 10-11, 1998**

**Stockton Inn**

**4219 Waterloo Road, Stockton**

**9 a.m. - 4 p.m., September 10**

**8:30 a.m. - Noon, September 11**



**CALFED  
BAY-DELTA  
PROGRAM**

## M e m o r a n d u m

Date: August 26, 1998

To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program



Subject: September BDAC Meeting in Stockton

Enclosed for your review is the meeting packet for the upcoming meeting of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10 and Friday September 11, 1998 in Stockton at the Stockton Inn, 4219 Waterloo Road. We will meet on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday morning from 8:30 a.m. to noon. In addition, BDAC members are invited to attend a special public meeting sponsored by CALFED on Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The public meeting will be held at the same location.

We will be seeking BDAC input on the policy framework, as well as specific comments on the current version of "Developing a Draft Preferred Alternative." Thank you to those members who submitted written comments on the July draft, which was significantly re-worked by CALFED staff. We are pleased that a number of members of the CALFED Policy Group will be joining BDAC on Thursday morning, specifically to discuss the framework.

In addition, at this meeting, BDAC members will have an opportunity to learn more about the Conservation Strategy being developed by the Program. BDAC members will have an opportunity to direct comments and questions to Marti Kie and other staff working on the Strategy, and to gain an understanding of how the Conservation Strategy and Ecosystem Restoration Program will be integrated.

As you know, two key issues will have significant influence on the long-term direction the Program may take with regard to changes to Delta conveyance facilities. These are the effects of Delta diversions on fish and the problem of bromide in source water. Included in your packet is an update on the Diversion Effects on Fisheries (DEFT) team

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Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

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Department of the Interior  
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Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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work effort. In addition, on Friday morning, BDAC members will hear from CALFED staff member Rick Woodard on progress in the Water Quality Program. Rick will also report to BDAC on the CALFED expert panel on bromides which will have concluded its meetings on September 9.

On Friday morning BDAC members will be briefed on the outcomes of the public meeting and on the status of project selection for the Restoration Coordination Program. With regard to the public meeting, part of the discussion will focus on proposed refinements to the Ecosystem Restoration Program in the Delta. With respect to the Restoration Coordination Program, you have received a letter from the Attorney General's office reminding you of the pertinent conflict of interest laws, which may affect your participation in discussions on the projects. Please be sure to read the letter prior to the meeting.

Finally, Chief Deputy Director Steve Ritchie will present the current CALFED effort on developing a financing package for the draft revised EIS/R. We look forward to a thoughtful discussion on this essential component of the Program.

Your packet includes the following materials:

Draft Agenda

July BDAC Meeting Summary

"Draft Preferred Program Alternative 30-Year Policy Framework"

"Developing a Draft Preferred Alternative" (dated August 5, 1998)

Conservation Strategy Memo

Water Quality Program Update

Status Report on DEFT Work

Status Report on the Economic Analysis Effort

Status Report on Restoration Coordination

Financing Approaches

Work Group Meeting Summaries:

Ecosystem Restoration

Water Transfers

Assurances